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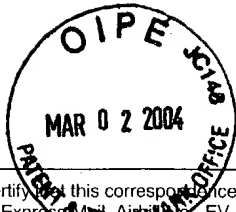
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Dear Sir:

On February 27, 2004 an Amendment was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. On March 1, 2004, the following business day, it was discovered that the last page of the Amendment was not signed by the attorney in an oversight. The Transmittal Form, the Fee Transmittal authorizing fees to be charged, and the Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension which accompanied the Amendment had all been signed by the attorney of record, and timely submitted with a Certificate of Mailing.

On March 2, 2004 a call was placed to Examiner Ginny Portner to resolve the situation. She consulted with a practice specialist, Deborah Reynolds, and it was determined that since three of the four documents were signed by the attorney of record and timely submitted, that the omission of the attorney's signature on the last page of the Amendment was an oversight. Examiner Portner advised to send the signed last page of the Amendment to be matched up with the Amendment filed on February 27, 2004. She further advised that this would rectify the situation and the Amendment would be accepted and the case would not be abandoned.

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Accordingly, the signed last page of the Amendment submitted on February 27, 2004 is enclosed.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 220002060725. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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In light of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants earnestly believe that they are entitled to a letters patent and respectfully request the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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